



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: February 8, 2011

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Facilities Division, Waterfront Department

SUBJECT: Purchase Order Increase For City Pier Ice House Emergency Repairs

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council authorize the Waterfront Director to retroactively increase Purchase Order No. 383977 from \$25,000 to \$50,000 for emergency repairs and continued monthly maintenance to the City Pier Ice House in the Harbor.

DISCUSSION:

The Ice House, located on the City Pier in the Harbor, was installed in 1993 and has reliably provided hundreds of tons of ice every year for commercial fishing vessels and the fish market. Under a \$25,000 annual purchase order, Ajax Refrigeration provides routine monthly service and minor repairs on an as needed basis to the Ice House.

The Harbor has a very active commercial fishing fleet that works closely with the fish market. A reliable source of locally obtainable ice accessible by boat is essential in supporting the fleet and alternative sources of ice are difficult to procure when the Ice House is out of service. During the November service inspection, Ajax Refrigeration staff noticed the system was leaking refrigerant requiring immediate and extensive repairs. Ajax Refrigeration is one of few local companies capable of servicing and maintaining the Ice House's complicated refrigeration system. The Ice House was shut down for several weeks while Ajax Refrigeration repaired several refrigerant leaks and rebuilt both the primary and secondary compressors. Allowing Ajax to proceed immediately with the repairs prevented further leaking of refrigerant and put this important facility back into service as soon as possible.

Pursuant to Municipal Code 4.52.080, Emergency Purchases, the Waterfront Director has the authority to declare an operational emergency and to purchase equipment, supplies, or services, such as the repairs necessary for the Ice House. Municipal Code Section 4.52.080 also requires that these emergency purchases be reported to the City Council.

BUDGETARY/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

This project is funded by Waterfront Capital Funds. There are sufficient funds in the Waterfront – Facility Design and Capital Program to cover the cost of this project.

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APPROVED BY: City Administrator's Office